CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(i) *re . Un-restricted movement of Jowar from northern parts of the State to Maharashtra.*

SRI B. G. BANAKAR (HIREKERUR).—I call the attentien of the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies to the unrestricated movement of jowar from northern part of the State to Maharashtra in the increase of its price.

SMT. E. E. VAZ. (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies). I wish to make the following statement :

There is no statutory ban on the export of jowar There has been a large scale movement of coarse grains particularly Ragi and Jowar to places outside the State and the consequent price in this State.

In order to discourage the unabated movement of Jowar, Ragi and other coarse grains to places outside the State and at the same time not unnecessarily hamper inter-state movement, which is permissable, the declaration of stocks Order has been amended by the State Government. The Amendment cases a statutory obligation on the part of the stock holder, who transports Jowar or any other food grains to make declaration, at the place where such foodgrains are transported before such foodgrains leave the place and at every check post on the route immediately after their arrival there. Persons violating these orders are liable for prosecution under the Act, and the stocks seized and confiscated. By this no stocks of Jowar can now be transported without the knowledge of the Government and in cases of large scale movement of jowar to places outside the State, the Government can have recourse to the provisions of the Foodgnains (Requisitioning of Stocks) Order, and requisition of 50 percent of such stocks in transit. Clear instructions have been issusd to all the authorities concerned in the matter.

The State Government cannot resort to any other measure which may directly prevent from movement of coarse grains for the present.

2-00 PM

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಜಿ. ಬಣಕಾರ್.—ಈಗ ಬತ್ತ, ಪಂತ್ಕ್ಕಿ ಅಕ್ಕಿಯನ್ನು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಿಂದ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗೆ ಸಾಗಿಸುವವರು ಇಷ್ಟು ಪರ್ಸೆಂಟ್ ಲೆವಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ನಿಯಮ ಮಾಡಿರುವಂತೆ, ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದಿಂದ ಹೊರಗಡೆಗೆ ಜೋಳ ಸಾಗಿಸುವವರು ಸಹ ಇಷ್ಟು ಪರ್ಸೆಂಟ್ ಲೆವಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು, ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ಟ್ರಾನ್ಸ್ ಪೋರ್ಟ್ ಪರ್ಮಿಟ್ ಕೊಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬತಕ್ಕಂಥ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನು ತೊಂದರೆಯಿದೆ? ಅಥವಾ ಆ ರೀತಿ ಏನಾದರೂ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

SMT, E.E. VAZ.—According to the Karnataka Food Grain Movement Control Order 1966, a y body who wanted to transport coarse grains outside the State had to do it on a valid permit from an empowered authority. In 1972, due to famine conditions, there was a complete ban on the movement of coarse grains from Karnataka to other States but due to Government of India's policy of 1974, in March, we have to repeal 1972 order and free movement of coarse grains were allowed. As mentioned by the Hon, Member, it had come to the notice of the Government that from April 1974 to January 1975 nearly 60,000 quintals of coarse grains, specially Jowar, moved from Karnataka to Maharashtra and 43,000 quintal had been transported to Goa and other States. As such, this declaration of stock order has come into vogue from 25th January which has been passed on to the Deputy Commissioners to enforce from 30th January according to which, any stock-holder who transport grains outside the State, though three is free movement inside the State, they had to make a declaration at every check-post about the quantity of grains that are moving and the type of grain and accordingly, the Government has the power to requi sition 50% of the coarse grains at the rate prescribed *i.e.*, Rs 74/- per quintal and according to this order, requisitioning is goving on and the prices are showing backward trend.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.—If one were to believe the statement of the Hon, Minister, it looks as though Jowar is available in Bijapur District enough but here is the Telegram just now received by me which says as follows:

"Since four days Jowar is not available in Bijapur Market, Situation serious."

This has come from Bijapur. I request the Hon, Minister not to rely on the version of the reports given by the Officers. I will pass on thi s elegram to the Hon. Minister for necessary action.

SMT. E.E. VAZ.--I have not mentioned anything about the availa- bility of Jowar. Jowar crop is just coming into the market. Anyway, I will look into it and get it examined.

(ii) *Re.—Demolition of huts near Ulsoor Tank.*

SRI. M. S KRISHANA (*Malleswaram*).— Madam Speaker, I beg to call the attention of the Minister for Law an Municipal Administra tion to the demolition of huts near Ulsoor Tank, Bangalore which were occupied by the poor people of Yalgir taluk.

SRI D. K. NAIKER (Minister for Law and Municipal Adimistra tion).—Madam Speaker, I state as follows;

There were about 5 to 10 huts in the above land situated behind Holy Ghat since about three years. Recently it was observed that the more huts were coming Recently about 56 to 60 unauthorised hut